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SEMINAR ON INDO-US DEFENCE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-US Defence Industry seminar was organised by the CII recently;

(b) if so, the details of the issue discussed therein;

(c) the Government`s view thereon;

(d) whether the Government have asked US administration for speedy export clearance; and

(e) if so, the response of US administration in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. The CII in association with US-India Business Council had organized a half day seminar on `Indo-US Defence Industry on 12th November 2002.

(b) The issues discussed during the seminar were of a general nature including inter alia, India`s security concerns, the prospects and opportunities for cooperation between the US and the Indian Defence Industries and the concerns of the Indian side in this regard.

(c) to (e): During the Seminar, the need for time-bound export clearances and uninterrupted product support was emphasized. Since the Seminar was organized jointly by the CII and the US-India Business Council, and attended by US companies, there was no occasion for an official response.